

## MAJOR FUNDERS OF PASTORAL PROJECTS

### Church agencies in Germany

#### 1. Mission Aachen

- (a) Main aim as a funder: Pastoral/Religious. Pastoral projects, formation of church personnel. Leadership personnel. Communications/media, evangelisation, pastoral work among youth, students and refugees, ecumenical projects, vehicles and construction only in some cases.
- (b) Priority countries/continents they serve: Africa, Asia and the Pacific.
- (c) Own application form: No. Submit project proposal. Personal visits are welcomed. Email and fax not acceptable.
- (d) Application language(s): German, French, English or Spanish.
- (e) Time of year to apply: Any time. For media projects write to The CMC, Postfach1912, 52021 Aachen. For Bible projects contact CBF, Stuttgart.
- (f) Internet address: <http://www.en.missio.com/>
- (g) Note: MISSIO also provides scholarship grants to church personnel in less-industrialized countries for studies in philosophy and theology. OPUS SECURITATIS is a pension plan for indigenous diocesan priests. PRIM (Priest Help Priests) is a program in which many German priests give part of their salary toward the basic living costs of indigenous priests in poorer nations.

#### 2. Mission Munich

- (a) Main aim as a funder: Pastoral/Religious: Pastoral projects given priority to initial/ongoing formation, training and assistance for Church leaders, clergy, religious (after novitiate) or lay people; also pastoral projects involving communications/media, evangelisation, refugees, ecumenical concerns, research, technical equipment, construction of church buildings, Bible Apostolate (translations, courses, teaching materials), AIDS, pastoral work, interreligious dialogue, aid to people who have special needs (refugees, street-children, child-soldiers).
- (b) Priority countries/continents they serve: Africa, Asia and Oceania.
- (c) Own application form: No. Submit project proposal to the project department. Application guidelines available on request. Personal visits are welcomed.
- (d) Application language(s): English, French, Portuguese or Spanish.
- (e) Time of year to apply: Any time.
- (f) Internet address: <http://www.en.missio.com/>
- (g) Note: Criteria for decisions: pastoral aim of project, application from local church authorities with approval of diocesan bishop or major superior, comprehensive information, clear financial details, and local contribution is required, No help to individuals. Mission Muenchen cannot finance salaries and running costs, endowment funds or liquidation of debts.

### 3. Renovabis

- (a) Main aim as a funder: Socio-economic. Pastoral Religious: Training of priests, religious and lay Church workers. Church, rectory, monastery and convent repairs, ecumenical projects with Orthodox Church, feeding of the poor, media, food and other emergency assistance.
- (b) Priority countries/continents they serve: Eastern Europe (especially Russia and the former USSR states).
- (c) Own application form: No. Give exact description of the project and financial plan. Include a letter of support from the bishop of the diocese.
- (d) Application language(s): Not specified.
- (e) Time of year to apply: Any time.
- (f) Internet address: <https://www.renovabis.de/>
- (g) Note:

### 4. Adveniat

- (a) Main aim as a funder: Pastoral/Religious. Pastoral development, evangelisation, mission: formation or sisters/brothers, clergy, lay ministers and catechists, construction of churches and pastoral centres, presbyteries, convents, transportation, media, bible apostolate, youth programmes, support of apostolic groups, theology students.
- (b) Priority countries/continents they serve: Latin America only.
- (c) Own application form: No. Submit project proposal. Include endorsement of local bishop or religious superior.
- (d) Application language(s): English, French, Spanish or Portuguese.
- (e) Time of year to apply: Any time. The Board of German Bishops meets twice a year to decide on all major requests and approves smaller projects after they have been reviewed by a staff of 90 persons.
- (f) Internet address: <http://www.adveniat.de/> or <http://www.adveniat.org/>
- (g) Note: Projects must come directly from Latin America by mail (not fax or email). Adveniat does not deal with street children.

## 5. Aid to the Church in Need (ACN)

- (a) Main aim as a funder: Pastoral/Religious: Aid to the Catholic Church in Eastern Europe, the Orthodox Churches in Russia (reconciliation is a priority) and the Middle East countries and the persecuted and menaced Catholic Church in less-industrialised countries. Projects supported include training of major seminarians, novices and laity involved in pastoral work: on-going work of formation of priests and religious, training of formators for seminaries and novitiates, catechetical material, mass media projects when these serve the aims of evangelisation, provision of religious books especially bibles, biblical apostolate, church construction (limited help), transportation and Mass stipends.
- (b) Priority countries/continents they serve: Worldwide with emphasis on Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union.
- (c) Own application form: No. Submit project proposal. Special application forms are required for scholarships. Originals needed for all applications. Always stipulate local contribution.
- (d) Application language(s): Not specified.
- (e) Time of year to apply: Any time with the exception of scholarships for which the deadline is February 28<sup>th</sup>.
- (f) Internet address: <http://www.acn-intl.org>
- (g) Note: The pastoral priorities of the local Church are respected and the approval of local bishop or the local religious superior is required. There are multiple offices worldwide.

Other German based Pastoral Funding agencies include:

Missio - <http://www.missio-hilft.de>

Association for development cooperation - <https://www.ageh.de/>

Begeca - <http://www.begeca.de/en/>

Catholic Biblical Federation (CBF) - <http://www.c-b-f.org/>

Catholic Media Council - <http://cameco.org/>

Catholic Service for Foreign Students - <http://www.kaad.de/>

Pontifical Association for the Holy Childhood in Germany (PMK) - <http://kindermissionswerk.de/>